

# ***TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH***

**Order of Worship for May 23, 2021**

**Pentecost**

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude –

Call to Worship

Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

come, Holy Spirit.

Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

come, Holy Spirit.

With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

come, Holy Spirit.

With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

come, Holy Spirit.

With power from above to make our weakness strong,

come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

Anthem

Call to Confession

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.

Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

## Prayer of Confession

Come, Holy Spirit, renew the whole creation.

Send the wind and flame of your transforming life  
to lift up the church in this day.

Give us wisdom and faith, that we may know  
the great hope to which we are called.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Giver of life, sustain your creation.

Confront us with our greedy consuming of your gifts.

Stand before us as we pillage and destroy.

Call us forth into new harmonies of care  
for all who live and breathe and have their being.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Spirit of truth, set us free to emerge as the children of God.

Open our ears, that we may hear the weeping of the world.

Open our mouths, that we may be a voice for the voiceless.

Open our eyes, that we may see your vision of peace and justice.

Make us alive with the courage and faith of your prophetic truth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Spirit of unity, reconcile your people.

Give us the wisdom to hold to what we need to be your church.

Give us the grace to lay down those things that you can do without.

Give us a vision of your breadth and length and height  
to challenge our smallness of heart and bring us humbly together.

Come, Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, transform us and sanctify us  
as we take up this task in your name.

Give us the gifts we need to be your church in spirit and truth.

Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Silent Confession

(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)

## Assurance of Pardon

All the promises of God find their “Yes” in Christ.  
That is why we utter the “Amen” through him, to the glory of God.  
It is God who has put his seal upon us  
and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.  
In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are redeemed.  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!  
—based on 2 Corinthians 1:20-22

## Our Response          Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

## Sharing Our Faith with Our Children

### \*Hymn Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain:  
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain when my God spoke,  
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
All around me, it looked so fine,  
I asked my Lord if all was mine. [Refrain]

Jordan River, chilly and cold,  
it chills the body, but not the soul.  
There ain't but one train that's on this track,  
it runs to heaven and runs right back. [Refrain]

## Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #315

### First Scripture Lesson

Romans 8:22-27

8:22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

8:23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

8:24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

8:27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

### Second Scripture Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2:2 And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

2:3 Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

2:4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

2:5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.

2:6 And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

2:7 Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

2:8 And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

2:9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

2:10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

2:11 Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

2:12 All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

2:13 But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

2:14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

2:15 Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

2:16 No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

2:17 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

2:18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

2:19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

2:20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

2:21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Sermon – Rev. Jennifer A. Baer

\*Hymn            Spirit

Spirit, spirit of gentleness.

Blow through the wilderness, calling and free.

Spirit, spirit of restlessness. Stir me from placidness.

Wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, You called to the deep,

Then You coaxed up the mountains. From the valley of sleep,

And over the eons You called to each thing,

"A wake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

You swept through the dessert, You stung with the sand,

And You gifted your people With a law and a land,

And when they were blinded With their idols and lies,  
Then You spoke through Your prophets To open their eyes.

You sang in a stable, You cried from a hill,  
Then You whispered in silence When the whole world was still,  
And down in the city You called once again  
When You blew through Your people On the rush of the wind.

You call from tomorrow, You break ancient schemes,  
From the bondage of sorrow The captives dream dreams;  
Our women see visions, Our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions Your people arise.

### [Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #319](#)

Sending Prayer for Jan Hunt

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory –

\*Doxology (Hymn 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures  
here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost. Amen

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

\*Sending Forth and Benediction

\*Choral Response

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expression on each face,  
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:  
Sweet Holy Spirit,  
Sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us,  
Filling us with Your love;  
And for this blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know  
that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.

[Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal #398](#)

Postlude

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